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a later date a more extended account of the fungus will be given.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
September 23, 1915

THE MEETING OF SECTION C AT THE COLUMBUS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

THE first session was held on the afternoon of Friday, December 31, in Chemistry Hall, Ohio State University, Vice-president William McPherson in the chair, with an attendance of about 70, practically all from the immediate vicinity of Columbus. The following officers were elected:

Vice-president and Chairman of the Section—
Julius Stieglitz, Chicago.

Member of Council—W. Lloyd Evans, Columbus.

Member of General Committee—M. T. Bogert, New York.

Member of Sectional Committee—A. A. Noyes, Boston.

The following papers were read:

"Some Interesting Physical and Chemical Properties of Clays" (illustrated by experiments), by Arthur S. Watts.

"The Contributions of Chemistry to the Production and Preparation of Human Food," by John F. Lyman.

"The American Chemist and the War's Problems," by James R. Withrow.

At six o'clock the members present enjoyed a very pleasant dinner in the Ohio Union. This was followed at 8 o'clock by a session, attended by about 200, at which Dr. Frank K. Cameron gave an address entitled "The Fertilizer Resources of the United States."

JOHN JOHNSTON,
Secretary of Section C

THE MATHEMATICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

ON December 30 and 31, 1915, there was held at Columbus, Ohio, the organization meeting of a new mathematical association, the call for which had been signed by 450 persons representing every state in the Union, the District of Columbia, and Canada. The

object of the new association is to assist in promoting the interests of mathematics in America, especially in the collegiate field. It is not intended to be a rival of any existing organization, but rather to supplement the secondary associations on the one hand, and the American Mathematical Society on the other; the former being well organized and effective in their field, and the latter having definitely limited itself to the field of scientific research. In the field of collegiate mathematics, however, there has been, up to this time, no organization and no medium of communication among the teachers, except the *American Mathematical Monthly*, which for the past three years has been devoted to this cause. The new organization, which has been named the Mathematical Association of America, has taken over the *Monthly* as its official journal.

There were 104 persons present at the organization meeting. The constitution and by-laws together with a full report of the proceedings will be published in the January issue of the *Monthly*. The following officers were elected:

President, Professor E. R. Hedrick, University of Missouri.

First Vice-president, Professor E. V. Huntington, Harvard University.

Second Vice-president, Professor G. A. Miller, University of Illinois.

Secretary-Treasurer, Professor W. D. Cairns, Oberlin College.

Publication Committee, Professor H. E. Slaught, University of Chicago, managing editor, Professor W. H. Bussey, University of Minnesota, and Professor R. D. Carmichael, University of Illinois.

These officers, together with the following, constitute the executive council:

Professor R. C. Archibald, Brown University; Professor Florian Cajori, Colorado College; Professor B. F. Finkel, Drury College; Professor D. N. Lehmer, University of California; Professor E. H. Moore, University of Chicago; Professor R. E. Moritz, University of Washington; Professor M. B. Porter, University of Texas; Professor K. D. Swartzel, Ohio State University; Professor J. N. Van der Vries, University of Kansas; Professor Oswald Veblen, Princeton University; Professor J. W. Young, Dartmouth College; Professor Alexander Ziwet, University of Wisconsin.